

#### IV. REMARKS

Claims 14-16 and 18-19 are amended and claim 17 is canceled. Claims 14-16,18,and 19, are under consideration.

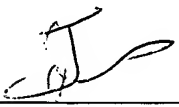
Claim 14 is amended to include the limitation, formerly in claim 17, to conform to the Examiners statement of allowable subject matter and claim 17 is canceled. Claims 15,16,18, and 19 are amended to correct a typographical error to overcome the rejection based on 35USC112.

Figure 1 is amended to show item 41. A replacement set of figures is submitted herewith.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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